

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 6/21/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2016-17 through FY 2017-18 renewal contract with Nisha Abdul Cader M.D. for \$280 per initial medical exam and, thereafter, an hourly rate of \$89 to provide medical services for Martha's Place-Children's Assessment Center, the Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART), and Juvenile Hall. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve to sign a FY 2016-17 through FY 2017-18 renewal contract with Nisha Abdul Cader M.D. for \$280 per initial medical exam and, thereafter, an hourly rate of \$89 to provide medical services for Martha's Place-Children's Assessment Center, the Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART), and the Juvenile Hall.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Cen Cal and General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$88,875.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$88,875.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>07/08/2014</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 6/21/2016

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Dr. Nisha Abdul Cader plays a significant role in Health Agency operations. Dr. Abdul Cader is a board-certified pediatrician and provides expert medical care to key programs within the Health Agency.

Medical Evaluations to Martha's Place

Dr. Abdul Cader provides the medical evaluations at Martha's Place. Since 2006, Martha's Place - Children's Assessment Center, a multi-agency collaboration for multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment, has been serving at-risk children of San Luis Obispo County, primarily between the ages of 0-5 years old. At-risk children include those children with social emotion problems (Serious Emotional Disturbance), developmental delays or children adversely affected by pre-natal alcohol and drug abuse.

The current County team at Martha's Place consists of a public health nurse for intake screening; mental health therapists for intake psychosocial histories and mental health treatment; and occupational therapists for sensory and motor skills assessment and treatment. Dr. Abdul Cader has been providing services to children and families at Martha's Place since 2009.

Medical Director of SART

For years Dr. Abdul Cader has served as the Medical Director of the Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART) Program. As such, she maintains the program's medical practice guidelines and protocols, and provides consultation on quality improvement activities.

The SART program provides immediate and follow up medical forensic examinations and evaluations, advocacy, and criminal justice services to alleged victims of physical abuse and/or sexual assault. These services are offered by providing compassionate, culturally sensitive and comprehensive medical/legal forensic evaluation and treatment by trained, professional and expert staff. The SART program requires the services of qualified physicians to conduct the examinations and provide appropriate treatment.

Medical Care and oversight at the Juvenile Hall

Dr. Abdul Cader is assigned to provide the physician oversight for the care provided by the current licensed nursing staff at the County's Juvenile Hall. She provides this service through medical record chart review, signing appropriate medical physician orders, review of medical protocols and meeting regularly with the nursing staff. The County is mandated per

California Board of Registered Nurses to have an appropriate level of physician supervision coverage for nurse practitioners and registered nurses working in the Juvenile Hall. The County is also mandated to cover medical care for juveniles detained at the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Dr. Abdul Cader will be compensated at a rate of \$280 per SART examination, and \$89 per hour for all other services provided. The per-exam SART rate and the hourly rates have increased since the last contract. The SART examination rate increased 1.8% (\$5) from \$275 to \$280 per exam. The hourly rate increased 2.3% (\$2) from \$87 to \$89 per hour. The recommended agreement includes no cap on the services Dr. Abdul Cader is able to provide. However, for FY 2016-17, we expect the cost of her services not to exceed \$88,875 for all three locations.

RESULTS

Martha's Place sees approximately over 200 clients annually and then provides services, either directly or referrals to other services. The medical only evaluations are estimated to be around 150 children annually, and over 100 children who receive both a medical evaluation and other assessments.

The SART Program exists to provide timely forensic medical evaluation to all victims of sexual assault, provide documentation of results to appropriate law enforcements agencies in order to prosecute perpetrators, and provide medical oversight consistent with medical and legal practice guidelines. The program cannot function legally and effectively without a Medical Director and a sufficient number of physicians willing to respond when called upon to provide services. The agreement with Dr. Abdul Cader is necessary to allow the SART Program to continue to function.

Dr. Abdul Cader plays a significant role in our operations. She provides other critical services, such as collaboration with community partners, other pediatric service providers and law enforcement, provides support to County staff, and offers solutions to clinical challenges with clients and ideas for process improvement and efficiencies. Providing efficient and effective SART, JSC medical care, and Children's Assessment Center services at Martha's Place is essential to assure San Luis Obispo county residents that the safety and care their children may need is available. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Dr. Abdul Cader FY 2016-18 Contract Renewal